

BISHOP TRIBAL COUNCIL

May 01, 2014

Roger E. Johnson, Deputy Director California Energy Commission 1516 9th Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: California Energy Commission – Draft Tribal Consultation Policy Review

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Bishop Paiute Tribe (The Tribe) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribe in the review of the Draft Tribal Consultation Policy.

The California Energy Commission held two listening sessions in the north (Redding) and south (Palm Springs) respectively. However, these listening sessions did not include a forum for teleconferencing which would have included additional and useful Tribal input.

The Tribe respectfully submits the following comments:

ENERGY COMMISSION TRIBAL LIAISON AND ASSISTANT TRIBAL LIAISONS (Page 3):

 Having not seen a job description for the aforementioned positions, the Tribe recommends the individuals possess sensitivity and awareness to geographical areas of California's Tribal governments & communities.

ENERGY COMMISSION'S 10-STEP TRIBAL CONSULTATION PROCESS (Page 4):

Please make every effort to utilize teleconferencing for Tribal government and communities to fully participate. The Commission would then achieve effective, meaningful consultation.

JOINT STATE & FEDERAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION COORDINATION (Page 5):

- 1. Line 5: Please clarify "including tribal consultation orders". Is the Commission indicating the Executive Orders issued by the President of the United States and/or the Governor of the State of California?
- 2. Line 10: "the National Historic Preservation Act", consider the "National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended".

We reserve the right to make additional comments upon further review. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address listed on the first page or Raymond Andrews, THPO Officer, by email at Raymond.Andrews@bishoppaiute.org. Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of the Tribe's comments to this important Draft Tribal Consultation Policy.

Sincerely,

Dale Delgado, Jr.

Tribal Chairman, Bishop Paiute Tribe

cc: Honorable Tribal Council Members
David ThunderEagle, Interim Tribal Administrator
Raymond Andrews, THPO Officer